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EXAMINING GROUP 1646

For: DNA ENCODING INTERLEUKIN-B30

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION § 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed March 25, 2004, the time for the two month early response to which is set to expire May 25, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Also included herein is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Substitute Declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251.